INCARCERATION:
YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE AS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY
TINA
(Hard of hearing, physical problems)

- Loss of civil rights
- Trauma, fear, loneliness, pain
- Limited visitation or legal help, lack of ASL or other language interpretation
- Loss of medications and durable medical equipment (walkers, crutches, power wheelchairs, hearing aide batteries, etc.)
- Insensitivity or poor treatment from other inmates and/or guards; victimization or bullying
- Use of solitary confinement, protective custody, restraint and seclusion, punishment for behaviors or conditions related to disability
CRAIG
(Bi-polar, substance use, age 17)

• Loss of civil rights
• Loss of home, family, friends, job, support staff, belongings, SSI, Medicaid, etc.
• Lack or loss of medications, delay of medical, mental health, or substance use treatment
• Insensitivity or poor treatment from other inmates and/or guards; victimization or bullying
• Loss of educational services for youth or programs for various other prisoners
• Lack of support or help if one has reading, writing, comprehension or processing needs and one has to learn new rules, structures, directions
• Trauma, fear, loneliness, pain
NICOLE
(Prosthetic leg, diabetes, asthma)

• Loss of civil rights
• Loss of physical access and provision for functional needs
• Lack or loss of medications and durable medical equipment (walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aide batteries, etc.)
• Insensitivity or poor treatment from other inmates and/or guards; victimization or bullying
• Lack of recognition and treatment of medical conditions, including addiction withdrawal
• Trauma, fear, loneliness, pain
• Limited visitation or legal help, lack of ASL or other language interpretation
• Insensitivity or poor treatment from other inmates and/or guards; victimization or bullying
• Loss of home, family, friends, job, support staff, belongings, SSI, Medicaid, etc.
THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN: DEATH
• **Salladin Barton**, a 35 year-old African American man, who died in January, 2015, in Broome County jail. He had been waiting two years for his trial.
• Chuniece Patterson, a 21 year old African American woman, died at the Syracuse Justice Center, November 10, 2009.
• **India Cummings**, 27 year old African American woman, died February 21, four days after being transferred from the Erie County Holding Center to Buffalo General Medical.
• **Mark Cannon** (in photo above with his daughter), took five days to die after a stroke at the Albany County jail.
• Poorly trained deputies at the Erie County Holding Center killed inmate Richard Metcalf Jr., aged 35, in November 2012.
Justice and Unity for the Southern Tier

• J.U.S.T. brings together individuals who have long been working separately on criminal and social justice issues in the Southern Tier; dedicated to dismantling mass incarceration in our community.

• Current projects include prisoner and family support, public education efforts, local and regional community organizing, distribution of “Less Death and More Health: An Action Plan for the Broome County Jail and Criminal Justice System”, bail reform, etc.

• Letters from a Mom and the lawsuits in Onondaga and Broome Counties.

• http://justicest.com/
THE FORGOTTEN ONES: IMPACT ON FAMILIES AND WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO
45% of people in prison lose contact with their families.

22% of people who were married on imprisonment become separated or divorced.
70% of children with incarcerated parents will follow in their parents’ footsteps...
RE-ENTRY CHALLENGES; WHAT YOU COME OUT WITH AND WHAT YOU NEED

- Where will you live?
- Who will be available to help you?
- How will you get medical care or medicines? Food?
- Trauma, PTSD, MH or addiction needs?
- Re-opening social services cases, resuming services?
- Where and how to re-apply for SSI, SSP, Medicaid or other benefits?
- Transportation, clothing, other personal care needs?
ADVOCACY
ROLES FOR ILC’S

• Supporting people and their families before, during and after incarceration
• Educating and organizing community members, engaged enlightenment, grass roots work
• Utilizing models that are working in some counties (Tompkins, Lewis, Jefferson, Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, etc.)
• Working with political and justice authorities, county and state systems
• The bigger picture statewide (legislation, local, regional and state coalitions handouts)
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS